

a proposal from Maharashtra State seeking issue of orders for transfer of Defence land required for construction of Road overbridge by closing down existing level crossing at Kandivalli (West):

(b) whether in view of the priority of the project what action has been taken/proposed to handover the Defence land to the authorities for construction of road overbridge to ease the pressure of traffic:

(c) the details of other proposals made by the Government of Maharashtra for release of land belonging to Defence Ministry of development projects, project-wise: and

(d) the details of action taken/proposed thereon:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Defence have agreed in principle and offered 4 pieces of vacant lands admeasuring 0.0691 acres near the proposed over-bridge, 0.7461 acres falling under the same 1.5 acres in the north of over-bridge and 2.33 acres located east of the railway line on payment of current market value. The State Government also accepted the offer of the land. But the State Government later on expressed their inability to adhere to conditions of the offer and has requested to transfer the lands as per changed alignment marked in the plan forwarded by them. This request has not been accepted on security grounds and the State Government has again been requested to convey the acceptance of offer of the land as per earlier agreed alignment for issue of Government sanction for transfer of the land.

(c) and (d). The other proposals regarding transfer of land are for construction of New Bridge parallel to Holkar Bridge in Krikee Cantonment, Construction of 30 mtr. wide road in Aurangabad Cantonment, establishing a Sub Station and construction of a Bus Stand in Deolali Cantonment and transfer of Defence land is Sholapur Rifle Range to State Government. These proposals are under examination in consultation with various organisations/field functionaries as per requirements for the policy/guidelines laid down.

[Translation]

#### Health Schemes

2871. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the various health and welfare schemes being implemented in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh and the details thereof;

(b) whether the above schemes are being implemented successfully and if so, the percentage of success of these schemes; and

(c) the amount being spent on the said schemes during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). The details of the various health and family welfare schemes being implemented for rural areas of Uttar Pradesh alongwith the allocation for 1995-96 is given in statement-I.

In additions, all National Health Programme being implemented in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh. A statement showing the provision for 1995-96 for National Health Programme being implemented both in rural and urban areas of Uttar Pradesh is given in statement-II.

A sample survey of some demographically weak districts of U.P. was conducted by I.C.M.R. in 1992-93. the survey had shown some deficiencies in the facilities in rural areas. Based on the findings of the Survey, a Social Safety net scheme was introduced in 32 districts of U.P. for improving the quality of services in rural areas.

World Bank assisted India Population Project-VI is being implemented in Uttar Pradesh at a cost of Rs.94.00 crores from 6.4.1990 to 30.9.1996 with the aim of developing trained manpower and setting up of training institutions, enhancing the service delivery system by constructing sub-centres and by providing other related inputs.

With a view to reduce total Fertility Rate and to increase Contraceptive prevalence Rate, the Govt. of India and United State Agency for International Development (USAID) have entered into an agreement in 1992 under which USAID undertook to provide aid of US \$ 325 million for Innovations in Family Planning Services Project in Uttar Pradesh over a period of 10 years.

#### STATEMENT-I

*Scheme-wise releases for Rural Areas of Uttar Pradesh for 1995-96*

(Rs. in lakh)

Schemes	Amount
Training of ANV/LHV	109.50
Training of Dais	66.50
Rural Family Welfare Centres	2655.00
Sub-centres	4800.00
Area Projects	1280.02
Social Safety Net	960.00
Child Survival and Safe Motherhood	4723.80
Maintenance of HFWTC	66.00
Orientation Training for Medical & Para Medical Staff	7.00
Village Health Guide Scheme	270.33

**STATEMENT-II****National Health Programme in Uttar Pradesh**

(Rs. in lakh)

Schemes	Amount
Malaria Eradication Programme	349.96
Leprosy Eradication Programme	476.13
T.B. Control Programme	442.44
Blindness Control Programme	394.12
Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme	1.16
AIDS Control Programme	371.129

[English]

**Erosion of Ganga in West Bengal**

2872. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware about the very serious problem of erosion of the banks of the Ganges in the districts of Murshidabad, Nadia, Hooghly and 24 Parganas (N) in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to save the villages and towns affected by the erosion?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of West Bengal has taken up six inter-district schemes for execution in Murshidabad district at an estimated cost of Rs.21.29 crore which includes 3 schemes costing more than Rs.1 crore appraised and approved by the Centre. Schemes for the districts of Nadia, Hooghly and 24 Parganas (N) have not been referred to the Centre so far for appraisal.

**Family Planning in Villages**

2873. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a study conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research shows that traditional healers and trained persons could play a vital role in influencing the villagers to accept one or other method of family planning;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). A Pilot study was conducted by Indian Council of Medical Research in 1984-87 in 37 villages of two Primary Health Centres in Muzaffarnagar

district of Uttar Pradesh. A total 22 institutionally trained traditional medical practitioners who were resident of the selected villages were provided training for 11 days. The study showed that after two years of intervention by these practitioners there was an increase in the number of acceptors of contraceptives in these villages. However, the male acceptance of contraception remained unchanged and the number of men undergoing Vasectomy declined.

This is only a Pilot study covering a small population. A number of large scale studies focussing on the use of rural practitioners for delivery of family planning services including regular supervision and performance evaluation are essential before the same can be incorporated into the National Family Welfare Programme.

**Issue of Passports by RPO, Bangalore**

2874. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of passport applications received by the Regional Passport Office at Bangalore during the period January, 1995 to April, 1996 for the issue of new passports and for the renewal of the passports;

(b) the number out of them cleared;

(c) the average time taken for the issue of passports;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that due to non-receipt of police verification report, there has been inordinate delay in clearing passport applications; and

(e) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up a separate Police Wing in the above passport office to undertake police verifications?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) The number of passport applications received by RPO, Bangalore during the period January 1995- April 1996 for the issue of new passports and for the renewal of passports are as follow :

New Passports	118887
Renewals	48919

(b) During the same period, the number of passports cleared out of (a) above and from the pending applications on 31.12.94 are :

New Passports	126197
Renewals	49501

(c) The average time taken to issue a fresh passport by this office is approximately 50-60 days.

(d) and (e). In order to avoid delay, in cases where police verification is not received within 30 days of making a reference, passports are issued by the RPO without waiting any further for a clearance. This procedure, which speeds up the process in the interest